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TOWN OF SIMSBURY - BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - NOVEMBER 9, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:03 p.m. in the Main Meeting Room of the Simsbury Town Offices. Present were: First Selectman Mary Glassman; Board members Moira Wertheimer, Robert Hensley, John Hampton, Michael Long and Richard Hogan. Others in attendance included Brandon Robertson and other interested parties.

Veteran's Day Proclamation

Mr. Hampton read the following Proclamation:

"WHEREAS, in 1921 an unknown World War I soldier was buried in Arlington National Cemetery making the city of Washington the focal point of reverence for America's veterans; and
WHEREAS, similar ceremonies were held in England and France and these memorial gestures gave universal recognition to the celebrated ending of World War I fighting on November 11, 1918; and
WHEREAS, this day became known as "Armistice Day" and officially received its name in America in 1926 in a Congressional resolution and was declared an official holiday in 1938; and
WHEREAS, in 1954 President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a bill proclaiming November 11th as Veteran's Day to make it an occasion to honor those who served in all American wars; and
WHEREAS, since its beginning as a nation, the United States of America has had over 32 million of its citizens become veterans of military service; and
WHEREAS, in addition to providing for the common defense, this service gave to those veterans unique training and experience which accompanied them upon their return to their communities; and
NOW, THEREFORE, Be it Resolved that I, Mary A. Glassman, First Selectman of the Town of Simsbury, hereby officially declare this ceremony to honor the many contributions that have been made by the veterans of military service and by the families who have supported them.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I set my hand and cause the seal of the great Town of Simsbury to be affixed hereto on this 11th day of November, Two-Thousand and Nine.

Mary A. Glassman, First Selectman

Ms. Glassman said there will be a special reading of the Proclamation at Eno Memorial Hall on the 11th at 10:45 a.m. in conjunction with Veteran's Day ceremony to honor Veterans.

First Selectman's Reports

Ms. Glassman said notices of H1N1 Vaccination Clinics will be posted on the Town of Simsbury web-site at www.simsbury-ct.gov. She said the Town is waiting for the next round of dose deliveries.

Ms. Glassman said the leaf pick-up started today and will be running through November 17th. This schedule is also posted on the Town web-site.

Ms. Glassman said the budget process is beginning with a special meeting of the Board of Finance on November 19th and the public can make comments in public audience.

Ms. Glassman also said collection boxes for Simsbury soldiers will be located at Town Hall, Eno Memorial Hall, the Simsbury William Raveis Real Estate Office and the Simsbury UPS store. This effort is being sponsored by VFW ladies Auxiliary Post 1926 and the American Legion Post 84. All donated items will be mailed to four Simsbury resident soldiers by Thanksgiving.

PUBLIC AUDIENCE

Joel Mandell, 7 Harriet Lane, also announced the ceremonies at Eno Memorial Hall for Veteran's Day put together by the American Legion Post 84 and VFW Post 1926. He asked for everyone to participate; he can be reached at 670-2563 for more information.

Mr. Mandell said November 19th will be the 12th Annual Greater Hartford Multi-Prayer Breakfast. This year the celebration will be held at 7:15 a.m. at the Charter Oak Cultural Center.

Mr. Mandell said there will be a Turkey Trot also on November 18th. He said that volunteers are needed. He asked that everyone bring a turkey and/or canned goods.

Mr. Mandell also noted on Action Item b, he is not a shareholder at

Simsbury Bank, but would be in favor of Simsbury Bank becoming the Town's Bank. It is a community bank and he has been a long term client of the Bank.

Robert Kalechman, 971 Hopmeadow Street, congratulated the Board members who ran for office and won. He also congratulated those who ran and didn't win.

Mr. Kalechman read a poem for Veteran's Day called "Flander's Field".

Mr. Kalechman said he filed an FOI complaint against the Performing Arts Center Board, Town of Simsbury, as they had violations on posting agendas and minutes. He read the final decision of the FOI Commission. It concluded that they had failed to file minutes and they were ordered to strictly comply with Section 1-225d of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Joan Coe, 26 Whitcomb Drive, said now that the election is over, Mr. Herlihy will be replacing Mr. Long. She said Mr. Long will be missed as he had much to do with new policies that have been enacted by this Board.

She spoke again about the new Community Farm of Simsbury as she feels this has nothing to do with the Eno Trust, which is for the poor of Simsbury.

She suggested that the Meadowood Triangle land be used for a tree farm. She said it is good for the environment and could be money maker for the Town.

Ms. Coe also showed pictures and spoke again about the "alcohol road". She feels this is a "dump site".

Ms. Coe is also concerned about security at the Library. She said there are no security tags on the DVD's and said it would be very easy for people to steal them.

All of Ms. Coe's comments can be read on Simsbury.com/forum.

ACTION ITEMS

a) Review, discuss and possibly approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen held on October 26, 2009

Mr. Hogan made motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen held on October 26, 2009. Mr. Long seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

b) Review, discuss and possibly take action regarding the result of a Request for Proposals for Banking Services

Mr. Hensley recused himself for this item. Mr. Hampton made motion to appoint Simsbury Bank for Town of Simsbury Banking Services. Mr. Hogan seconded the motion. Four members were in favor with Mr. Long abstaining. Therefore, the motion passed.

Mr. Hensley re-joined the meeting.

c) Review, discuss and possibly authorize the establishment of a Simsbury Dog Park Special Revenue Fund and recommend same to the Board of Finance

Ms. Wertheimer made motion to authorize the establishment of a Simsbury Dog Park Special Revenue Fund as recommended by the Town Attorney and Finance Director. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

d) Review, discuss and possibly authorize the First Selectman to submit an application

pursuant to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009: Office of Policy and Management Municipal Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program

Mr. Long made motion, "RESOLVED, that MARY A. GLASSMAN, First Selectman of SIMSBURY be and hereby is authorized to submit on behalf of the TOWN OF SIMSBURY an Application under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act 2009. Office of Policy and Management Municipal Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program.

IN ADDITION, MARY A. GLASSMAN, First Selectman is hereby authorized to enter into such agreements, contracts and execute all documents necessary to said grant with the State of Connecticut."

Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

e) Review, discuss and possibly authorize the First Selectman to submit a letter in support of an application for an Agriculture Viability Grant by the Community Farm of Simsbury

Mr. Long made motion to authorize the First Selectman to submit a letter in support of an application for an Agriculture Viability Grant by the Community Farm of Simsbury. Mr. Hensley seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

f) Review, discuss and possibly approve tax refunds as requested and recommended by the Tax Collector

Mr. Hogan made motion to approve the tax refunds in the amount of \$6,748.35 as requested and recommended by the Tax Collector. Mr. Long seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Personnel - possible action on items recommended by the Personnel Sub-Committee, including;

1) Approval of revised Affirmative Action Plan and Application for Employment

Mr. Long made motion to approve the revised Affirmative Action Plan and Application for Employment as recommended by the Personnel Sub-Committee. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

2) Approval of revised position descriptions for the Director of Administrative Services and the Administrative Services Clerk

Mr. Long made motion to approve the revised position descriptions of the Director of Administrative Services and Administrative Services Clerk as recommended by the Personnel Sub-Committee. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

3) Approval of position description for Fleet Maintenance Supervisor

Mr. Long made motion to approve the position description for Fleet Maintenance Supervisor as recommended by the Personnel Sub-Committee. Ms. Wertheimer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Hogan made motion to amend the agenda to add item 4 - Director of Administrative Services position opening. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Long made motion to authorize the First Selectman to enter into a consultant services agreement, subject to the review and approval of the Town attorney, with a professional to fill the position of Director of Administrative Services for a period not to exceed six months and at a salary rate not to exceed the salary rate of the current Director. Ms. Wertheimer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

b) Finance - no report at this time.

c) Welfare -no report at this time.

d) Public Safety -Mr. Hampton said there will be a "Table Top" meeting on November 19th at 7 a.m. Breakfast will be provided. This is to prepare everyone for any type of disaster.

Ms. Wertheimer said that she will recuse herself during any further discussion on the CL&P issue as her husband works for the Attorney General's Office and she doesn't want any type of conflict. No further information on this issue will be sent to Ms. Wertheimer.

PUBLIC AUDIENCE

Ms. Glassman made motion to amend the Agenda to allow Mr. Kalechman an additional 5 minutes for public comments. Ms. Wertheimer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Kalechman continued with his FOI Complaint decision. He read the Docket FIC 2009-177, Section 1-225 C.G.S. section a. He said that the Town is required to post agendas 24 hours before a meeting and have the minutes available 7 days after the meeting in the Town Clerk's Office and on the web-site.

Some of his complaints were not addressed as they were not fairly raised in his complaint.

Ms. Glassman thanked Mr. Kalechman for bringing this to their attention. She said the information will be given to the Performing Arts Center Board. She said they now have an actual Clerk for their meetings instead of completing minutes themselves.

ADJOURN

Mr. Long made motion to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Radocchio
Clerk

